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The time is coming when all who work for Jesus Christ shall see the fruit of their labours and participate in each others's joy. When or how or where this shall be accomplished we know not, but our deepest spiritual instincts reveal to us that there is no greater joy in life than to rescue a soul from sin and death and bring it back to God.—Louis Edward Holden.

Apr. 4, 1906

Review of the Past Year's Work

E. M. MOWRY.

When we think over the past year's work and think of the men who have been associated in it, and given the unselfish devotion of both their time and money to carry on the work, we consider it a rare privilege to have such an opportunity. The spirit that has characterized the entire work has been such as would help to form a good strong character in anyone who came in touch with it. The work is not the result of anyone's particular work, but of every member of the Association. Now that the new administration takes up the work a brief review may be of some interest.

Probably the most encouraging feature is the membership. There are at present 166 members, a larger number than we have ever had before, which shows that the Association work is growing in favor more and more with every class of men. Considering what the Association stands for, it demands the support of every student in the University and we look forward to the time when every man shall be a member.

By the kindness of the Board of Trustees of the University and a number of friends the Association has been able to occupy and furnish rooms in Scovel Hall, which has been of great help in the work. The rooms have been furnished at a cost of \$530. Since these quarters are but temporary, it will be necessary in a few years for the Association to have a building of its own. The Fall Campaign work and Work for New Students was carried on very successfully. Association headquarters were located in Severance Hall during the opening days. The attractively furnished room furnished a loafing place for the men while they were getting their work arranged and every assistance possible was given to the men in arranging their schedule and in securing rooms and boarding places. Through the Employment Bureau many men were enabled to secure employment. In the fall a Board of Trustees, or an Advisory Board was elected by the Association, com-

posed of three members of the faculty, two alumni and three members of the Association. This Board will give the work more of permanency and stability.

The Wednesday evening meetings have been well attended this year, the average attendance being 89. It has been at these meetings that many men have received the inspiration and desire to lead better lives. The subjects that have been presented by the student leaders and the Life Work meetings have been very helpful. In the Bible Study department there have been 14 classes with an enrollment of 158 and an average attendance of 98. Of this number 15 Seniors have been enrolled, 20 Juniors, 24 Sopho-

mores, 45 Freshmen, and 54 Preparatory Students. In Mission Study this year instead of having one class of both men and women, the work has been divided and the men have had 4 classes with an enrollment of 40 and an average attendance of 27. \$350, was contributed by the whole school and friends to the support of our College Missionary in India, Dr. Henry Forman, '81, which

surpassed our last year's contribution somewhat, but did not reach our standard of two years ago.

During the fall term College Hall was taken directly under the supervision of the Association. Work has been carried on there by the Deputation Committee as was started last year when it was in charge of the Bible School. The Deputation Committee has had charge of work at No. 9 school house, also. Sunday evenings services have been conducted under the direction of this committee. Also a number of men have been sent to some of the neighboring churches for special talks to young people, missionary talks, and to fill some pulpits in the absence of the pastors.

The active spirit has shown itself by the number of men who have attended the different Conferences and Conventions. There were 3 men at the Presidents' Conference at Ashland last spring; 19 at the Lakeside Conference; 13 at the Missionary and Bible Study Conference at Mt. Union; 7 at the State Convention at Toledo; and 5



WEEKLY CABINET MEETING

at the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville.

What real and lasting good that has been done, can possibly never be known. All these things will be of no avail if the men have not been led to a more intimate knowledge of Christ and helped to lead better Christian lives. The personal work has been done this year in a quiet way by those who were most interested in their fellow students. The services during the Week of Prayer were well attended and many men made a new consecration of their lives to the Master's service and for the first time made a start in the Christian life. The Association is grateful to Rev. McMillin, Dr. Scovel and Dr. Hills for the services they rendered during that week. As a result of the Week of Prayer and the Evangelistic services 9 out of the 33 non church members at the beginning of the year have joined church and 11 of the remainder have begun the Christian life.

Y. M. C. A. From the Sophomore Standpoint

F. E. EASTMAN, '08.

As the student enters his Sophomore year he awakens to the novel sensation that he is no longer on the first round of the ladder. He has climbed up a step—not only that but there is another class on the round he has left. As he contemplates this fact he begins to realize that it is time for him to take a more pronounced part in all college activities. He is through with being a looker on and he determines to build—build for himself and others.

Now he turns his attention to matters religious. In no field is there a greater need for his helping hand and nowhere is his influence more strongly felt than in the Y. M. C. A. Under the leadership of older workers and trusting in his heavenly father for strength he begins to work—perhaps on a committee, perhaps independently. He works faithfully and then he looks for results. How wonderful! What great joy he finds in the work of the kingdom. How it pays! Where the Sophomore expected to find hard work and abusive language he finds blessed work and grateful friends. In the organized Christian work, which takes the name of Y. M. C. A. in Wooster, he finds need for the exercise of everyone of his powers. And in the exercise of those powers he increases them even as the servant of the ten talents.

And when the year is done the Sophomore looks back over that part of the structure of character which he has builded during the year and he fervently declares that no part of it has been more joyful in its construction or more lasting in its benefits than that which he has done for the Master-Builder.

The Y. M. C. A. from the Freshman View Point

M. A. BLANKENHORN, '09.

To the Freshman when he comes to Wooster the Y. M. C. A. is at first a revelation of what an Association can be made by conscientious effort, for it is safe to say that nowhere is this work more enthusiastic and sincere.

Later it is a source of profound respect and admiration for he sees that the popular, the athletic, the "all round college" men and all are in

the work and openly stand for its principles. And this respect is increased after the Freshman has been at Wooster a while and sees that these principles are lived up to and strictly carried out in all the activities and phases of college life.

Then the Association becomes a means of awakening and a reminder to the Freshman that he has never been into work like this and although he may be a professed Christian he has never made such an open stand nor has been such a practical and public Christian as are these examples that incite his admiration.

After this awakening the Association is an inspiration to him to follow these ideals and copy these examples of Christian living and working. And if the Freshman has been faithful to his ideals the Association then becomes a source of great pleasure and an incentive to work and activity other than that of the Association itself for often it is his first experience of actual constant Christian living.

Finally if the Association has been to him what it should be and what he intended it to be then will it become a source of satisfaction that cannot be valued nor yet obtained in any other way. For it is the satisfaction that he has found one of the treasures and has received one of the greatest benefits contained in the Freshman year at College.

And when the year closes and he has lost sight of some of the things he has gained during the Freshman year, if he has been a true Y. M. C. A. man and has lived out his ideals then will he see how great a source of true knowledge the Association is to the Freshman.

Memories of the Y. M. C. A. at Wooster

A. LEE WILSON, '03

Those of us who have been away from the old College home for even a few years appreciate more than ever before the blessings of old Wooster. There is the "Wooster Spirit" of which we are proud. There are certain things for which Wooster stands in the eyes of all who know her. On all her true sons she puts her indelible stamp of manly Christianity.

Among the many factors contributing to this end, great credit is due to the Young Men's Christian Association. A new man comes to college. He is a stranger in a strange land. First impressions are likely to be the most lasting. He steps off the train and the Y. M. C. A. at once extends to him the hand of manly Christian fellowship. The chill of strangeness is driven away by the warmth of cordial friendship. Throughout his course the Association encourages him in every way. It emphasizes the need of a strong body, a sound mind, and a true spirit. It does not meet his temptations and doubts with indifference or high sounding platitudes, but it points him to the Master of Men as the only perfect model and guide.

In closing allow me to bear testimony to the personal debt of gratitude I owe to the Y. M. C. A. of Wooster University. I owe much to the silence but mighty influence of the lives of the men who were prominent in the work of the Association. Such men as the Presidents it was my privilege to know, Fisher, Hemphill, Finney,

Lucas, Graham, and many more men like them, who lived what they professed.

Wooster has a great mission in the world and the Y. M. C. A. has a large work to do in helping to prepare her men for that mission.

What the Y. M. C. A. has Meant to Me

THOMAS F. ARCHBALD

A turning back to what I wrote in college ten years ago has made me appreciate most fully what the college Y. M. C. A. has meant to me. After a year of Association work I find I then wrote in a report some things the truth and force of which have more clearly dawned upon me with the passing of time. In the year's work to which I refer—the last year of my college course—there were three great purposes kept before our Association: "First, To strive to enlist more men in Bible classes. Second, To pray and persevere to lead more students to Christ. Third, To devote more time each day to the development of our own spiritual lives." The carrying out of the first suggestion made me more attached to my own Bible study with class mates. The free discussion and informality of the hours together were just what I needed as a spiritual tonic in the very middle of the week. The remembrance of that group gathered on Wednesday evenings is still an inspiration. Knowing intimately the life of the most faithful in that company I recently took occasion to write him, asking him as a prominent newspaper man to co-operate in special evangelistic services about to be held in his city. The letter reached him as he lay unconscious in his last sickness. He, too, would have spoken in the way I do of the benefit of the Bible study hours we had together.

Only one who has tried it knows how much can be learned from prayer and perseverance in leading others to Christ. The splendid opportunities of enlisting the new students in the Master's service meant everything to our new friends and meant much to us older men as well. They, I know yielded permanent results. One of the men whom I helped to introduce to his college course has very recently taken his place as treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

As to the development of one's own spiritual life by taking time for it each day, I can say that it was in college I learned the worth of daily Bible study. There were countless temptations to let it drop, but at the year's end after all the irregularities in Bible study I could write—"it has been a year of prayer and Bible study, and in doubt and perplexity we have ever learned to return to the center of all truth that 'one is our Master, Christ'."

There were other ways than these that the Association brought its influence to bear on my life. The utmost patience was necessary in hand-

ling the children of our Mission Sunday School, the street waifs of a Boys' club, and the rough men about the docks. In the trying work of this kind all of us must have learned something of perseverance. During my college course two departments of the Christian work took on new life and stepped into new quarters. I then learned to have faith that large results will come out of small beginnings.

But best of all the College Y. M. C. A. has given me friends who have gone into Christian service in every part of the world. This range of friendship was, of course, greatly widened by the Christian fellowship of the Y. M. C. A. in the theological seminary. Very little in all the world can mean more to one than the ties of this kind of friendship.

From Lucas

Three years out of College do not diminish a whit one's enthusiasm although they add to one's respect for and appreciation of such a wide-awake, manly society as our Y. M. C. A. is at Wooster. Let me give three points in which this Association makes an especially strong appeal.

(1) It proves that a sincere, personal religious life is compatible with all other honest lines of college activity. Take for example the football game played in Columbus just last November. The absence of rough play and the display of true gentlemanly spirit by every member of our team (so I was told) won the admiration of every onlooker. The Association

officers and members were strongly represented on that team. It was a powerful, practical lesson in many of the Christian virtues.

(2) It is the only student organization which has for its distinct aim to be of unselfish service to the student body at large. When one remembers the number of other student organizations that do not make us give a thought to "the other fellow", except to get ahead of him or to get him for our crowd,—this point cannot be too strongly accented.

(3) It acts as a back bone to all other student organizations, purifying them and adding a purpose and dignity to each one of them that seems universally lacking in such student activities carried on in colleges without Y. M. C. A.'s or their equivalents.

In the limited space at command these appeal to me most strongly of all the strong points of our Y. M. C. A.

EDMUND D. LUCAS.

We regret that a message of good cheer and of greeting to the Y. M. C. A. from Roscoe Graham, '04, was received too late to appear in this issue of the VOICE.



PARLOR IN SCOVEL HALL

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Y. M. C. A. Number

This is the first venture at what it is hoped to make an annual feature of the VOICE, —namely an issue devoted to the interests of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the University, whose purpose it shall be not only to give a review of what has actually been accomplished, but to arouse a new interest in them and to incite them on to even greater things. The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. have always made it their laudable ambition to be the leading organizations of the school, and as such it is only due to them that one issue of the college paper be devoted to their interests.

Is it Worth While?

Many a man or woman who may only be a passive looker-on as far as the Christian activities of the school are concerned has often secretly wondered what there is in this work which seems so all absorbing, so absolutely interesting and important to those engaged in it. "Is it really worth while," they say, "and if it is, what makes it so?"

It is for just such ones as this that this message is intended. If you are unable to understand what there is in Y. M. and Y. W. work the only reason under the sun is that you haven't tried it. To the question, "Is it worth while?" all that there is to be said is, "Peruse these pages carefully. See what the men who are actively engaged in the work say; see how alumni who have been out of school some time regard it; read carefully all the wonderful results that have been accomplished and of greater things yet to come, and then see if you dare say, 'Is it worth while?'"

First things first has always been the motto of the Christian Associations in Wooster. Are you putting secondary things first,—are you letting something else in this many sided college life come in and take the place of what should be highest and of most vital importance to you? If you are, now is the time to make a new start, to put first things at the top, and as soon as you have done this, the question, "Is it worth while?" will be,—can be answered in only one way.

A Preview of 1906—'07

H. H. BLOCHER, '07.

Anyone who has any accurate knowledge of the work and growth of the Wooster Y. M. C. A. since its beginning, or even for the last year or two, will find himself almost unconsciously raising the question, "When will this development cease, or what are the possibilities for further work and growth?" If the Association is to continue to be a vital factor in college growth development must go on. To stand still now is impossible. Not to progress would be to retreat, and we can not think of that while He is leading on. We must move forward and go on to still greater things for Him.

The work, however, will soon get beyond the student president with his many other college duties, and so we believe that the day is not far distant when the Wooster Y. M. C. A. must have a general secretary to assist in this great work, if it is to be carried on as it should be. Even now much more time might profitably be given to the work than any student dare give. For one whose heart is in the work it is difficult to be restrained by lack of sufficient time to devote to it when the magnificent possibilities of what could be done loom up on every hand.

It does seem that the time is now ripe for a great work. Our quarters have been enlarged and finely equipped for it, and the present condition of every department of work would indicate it. The greater indication of all is in the men themselves. The past year has been one of special awakening and quickening in the spiritual lives of a large number, and we all have come to realize more than ever before that the only way to find any lasting joy in the Christian life is through service and we are ready for it.

A loyal, active service on the part of all the men is perhaps the greatest need of the present, not only for strengthening and developing the men themselves, but also for carrying on this great work of the Association for which the time seems so opportune. For this two fold object then, we shall emphasize *service* this year.

On account of the special effort put upon the material equipment the past year, it will be quite unnecessary for our present needs to give much further attention to that phase of the work. We shall, however, make a vigorous effort to start a fund for a Y. M. C. A. building which will in the near future be very much needed, as our present quarters are only temporary and will soon be inadequate for the work. We expect to have a good substantial start made on this fund before the work of the year closes.

The president's ideal for the year is *every man at work*. This is not a work for one man or for a few men. When that is the case something is radically wrong. All should have a part in the work so that all might share the benefit which is to be derived from such service.

Although we will not be able to measure up to all the grand possibilities of the work on account of the limited time we have to give it, yet we shall strive to do all in our power to advance the work as far as we can by bringing to it the service which is ours to offer. This increased service will be effectual in all departments of the work. The Bible study will grow in its helpfulness and influence, the missionary work will be strengthened in all its various phases, the social and personal work will be more extensive, the membership will include a larger number of men, the devotional meetings will be more vital in their importance, and the deputation work will grow and bring the influence of the Association not only to the people in nearby places, but also to the people here in Wooster, and especially to the young men, with whom we ought to share the rich blessings which we continually enjoy. In all our efforts during the year our thought shall be that of the Apostle Paul in the fifth chapter of II Corinthians, "the love of Christ constraineth us," and we trust that all our efforts may indeed be the result of the constraining influence of our love for Him.

The Lakeside Conference

A. I. GOOD, '06.

The word Lakeside awakens many memories. The remembrance of hours of enjoyment, of times of up-lift, throng the imagination. There come visions of three hundred men listening with rapt attention to the messages of John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer; these same men gathered at meal-time in the hall of the hotel—a crowding, shouting, good-natured lot of college men, later in the day back on the athletic field rooting as only college men can; swimming, splashing, or rowing on the lake; gathered in the twilight on the lake shore thinking some of the deep thoughts of life; such are some of memory's images.

For the past three years the Summer Conference of the College Young Men's Christian Associations of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and the adjacent Canadian shore, has been held at Lakeside, O., situated on the Lake Erie shore some ten miles from Sandusky. Lasting for ten days following commencement, it is held primarily for Christian training and up-lift. But the all-round college man must have recreation, so abundant opportunity is afforded for that, each afternoon being left free for sports.

Even conservative college men unhesitatingly speak of the days spent at Lakeside as the best ten days of their life. Perhaps one reason is to be found in the associations and friendships formed with representative college men from all parts of the country. From the time you board the steamer "Lakeside" or "Arrow" at Sandusky you realize that college men are the same the country over. There are the delegates from the larger institutions mingled with the smaller companies of two and three from colleges that up to this time you never heard of. Each and all constantly give voice to yells of various degrees of length, intensity, excellence, etc. All through the convention you will meet men who impress you as strong men. Some you will get acquainted with, for everybody speaks to everybody else, and if you travel later on to any of the colleges of the state, you will always find Lakeside men. Lakeside friendships are pleasant indeed.

Another opportunity is the chance to meet personally the strongest men intellectually, physically, and spiritually, whom you have seen. It does a man good to talk with Speer, Mott, McDowell, Hotchkiss, and a host of others, men who can treat up-to-date vital problems in the life. Such addresses on Sin, Purity, Service, Consecra-

tion, you may never hear again. All men are approachable, and all are glad for interviews. Is it any wonder that men come from Lakeside strengthened and helped?

Recreation plays a large part in Lakeside life. who will not remember those ball games back on the diamond, when the college possessing a medium battery could beat the large colleges of the state? Why was it those big men from Michigan or Toronto,—and they do raise such strapping big fellows up there in the North—so often won out? The swimming that was perfect, the rowing with all Lake Erie before you, and Islands and lagoons to be explored—ah! the afternoons were all too short! Remember too, how those meals tasted after a morning of unbroken meetings, and an afternoon of unlimited exercise.

After the physical exhaustion of the afternoon how comfortable to sit grouped together under the maples just by the shore of the lake! There with the figure of the speaker standing out in clear contrast against the silver back-ground of the lake; to the left, the sun setting in crimson glory,

making a path of gleaming light across the restless surface of the water, the well-known words would recur,

"Some day when fades the golden sun,
Beneath the rosy tinted west
My Blessed Lord shall say well done
And I shall enter into rest.
And I shall see him face to face,
And tell the story, saved by Grace."

Then, as we listened to the appealing words of speaker through the gathering gloom, we seemed alone, and the world lying wait-

ing before us. To many a man, alone in the midst of three hundred men, came a call from God to higher and better service.

What is the real Lakeside? You may not find it in the morning Bible-study group, nor in the platform meeting, nor rowing miles over the lake. But some evening, alone, after all have gone to rest, somewhere along the shore of the lake, when all is still but the restless beating of the waves at your feet, there may come to you the real Lakeside. There may come the vision of Christ the Master of your life. And this is why the days spent at Lakeside are the best days of a man's life.

The Year's Work in the Y. W. C. A.

EDITH E. REESE, '07.

For twenty three years the Young Women's Christian Association has been an active factor in the spiritual life of the University of Wooster. Year after year it has endeavored to hold before



WOOSTER DELEGATION AT LAKESIDE.

the girls the aim of the Association: "The symmetrical development of the spiritual, mental, social and physical woman."

As we review the work of the past year we feel that every effort has been indeed blessed. At the beginning of the school year seventy six old members were enrolled, since then sixty five names have been added making a membership of one hundred and forty one. One hundred and nine out of the one hundred and twenty five enrolled in the Collegiate department are members of the Association.

The Bible Study classes have been one of the most successful features of the year's work. Six courses have been conducted by student leaders and an especially interesting and helpful class in the "Harmony of the Gospels" has been led by Mrs. Fitch. The enrollment in the Bible classes has been about one hundred and thirty.

Mission Study classes have also been held regularly throughout the year. The text books used have been those which present the broad subject of Missions in an interesting and instructive way.

The deputation department have done definite and practical services for Christ at the Children's Home, the Infirmary, College Hall and among the "shut-ins" and invalids of the town. Sabbath School is held at the Children's Home each week.

The results that can be seen and counted are, we know, but a small part of what has actually been accomplished. No one can measure the power of the influence of the meeting in the "upper room" where the girls have been brought to have a clearer vision of Christ in the quiet of the evening hour.

Although the past year has been so successful in many ways let us not rest with past attainments but rather let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

College Hall

CLARENCE S. GEE.

Every student in the University is familiar with our several Halls on the Hill, but is each one acquainted with College Hall? This building on Pittsburg Avenue was opened April 13, 1905 for all the neighborhood who cared to make use of its privileges. It has been maintained by Westminster church and the gifts of outside friends. The work has been under the general direction of Prof. Archbald who has been assisted by the University students.

The following is a brief outline of the work carried on. A class has been conducted among the Hungarians, first by Miss Gingrich and later by Buell Love and C. A. Gorgas. Part of the work has consisted in the study of Matthew's Gospel arranged in parallel columns of the English and foreign language. Work in English has also been conducted among the Italians. A sewing class for

the younger girls has been most successfully carried on by Miss Ellwood and her assistants. As many as thirty girls have been benefited by this department and have learned many useful and helpful things.

A club for boys is being conducted by J. H. Varner. The boys are thus brought under a wholesome influence and are taught some of those things which they must know if they are to become the kind of citizens this country needs.

A penny saving's bank is in use and many are the pennies saved which would otherwise be carelessly spent. Chas. I. Correll has acted as cashier.

There has also been organized a club for girls with recreation and sewing as its main features. Miss Edna Zimmerman has this in charge. A kitchen-garden, where instruction in housekeeping was given, was formerly conducted by Miss Robertson. A mother's hour was a part of the work for a short time. A Bible Class for adults is now meeting each Sabbath afternoon, E. W. Davidson is the teacher. Work of this kind is not only of great benefit to those who use its privileges, but also to those who aid in carrying it on in thus furnishing them a splendid field for service. The present building and equipment does not satisfactorily meet the needs of the district and it is hoped that soon better facilities may be provided.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Senior

E. G. CRABTREE '06.

College days are formative periods of religious ideas as well as of traits of character. If the Y. M. C. A. has left its imprint on the inner life of a man he goes from school with a firmness of character and a loyalty to right which makes all the difference between a successful life and failure. A strong man with ill

directed energies can do harm which is almost irretrievable. Why train a man to do wrong?

Such are the possibilities of a student to do good, such, too, are the dangers of misdirected energies. As the Senior stops to consider, as stop he must, he cannot but feel grateful to an organization which sends out men strong in principle, firm in conviction, determined for right. Examples are innumerable illustrations of the power of right and wrong in shaping a career. One need but place a Burr or an Ingersoll alongside of men who like Beecher, Moody, the good old man, Hale, and our own Pitkin and Speer have been gained by a higher power, by a stronger hand.

"Persons who are to transform the world must be themselves transformed."



MEETING ROOM IN SCOVEL HALL

Debate

W. U. P. vs. Wooster

AT

BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday Evening, April 12

8 P. M.

Admission 25cts.

A New Gymnasium

Chicago Alumni Banquet

On the evening of March 23, Wooster Alumni in Chicago and vicinity gathered about the festal board at the Palmer House. Those present from Chicago were Dean Luanna Robertson, Ph. D., '83, of the School of Education of the University of Chicago; Hon. Wm. H. McSurely, '86, and wife; Geo. C. Nimmons, '87, and wife; Chas. M. Moderwell, '89, and wife; Dr. W. W. Hartman, '89, and wife; Mrs. Abbie Lyon Sharman, '94; Edward R. Hills, '97; Lucy Patterson, '01; Thomas J. Patterson, '03; and O. C. Yoder, '05. From other places were Rev. Gec. N. Luccock, D. D., '78, and Geo. E. Herrick, '81, and wife, of Oak Park, Ill.; Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, '80, Sandwich, Ill.; Rev. Clarence G. Reynolds, '81, Joliet, Ill., and his daughter, Mary Reynolds, of Lake Forest College; Rev. W. V. Jeffries, '82, Morrison, Ill.; President R. C. Hughes, D. D., '84, of Ripon College, Wis.; and Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, '88, Streator, Ill. Dean Elias Compton, '81, was present as guest from the faculty, and J. D. Fackler, '00, from the Cleveland Alumni Association.

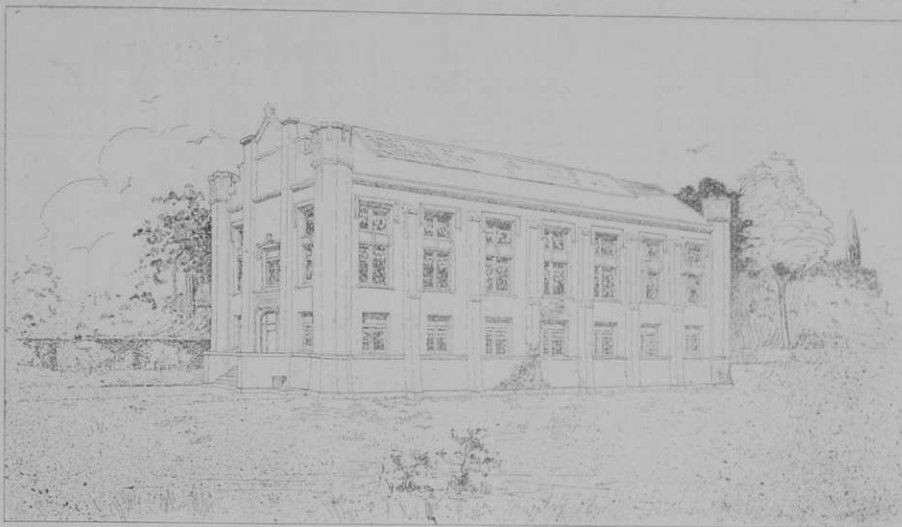
After an elaborate menu had been served the toast-master George C. Nimmons introduced at once the leading feature of the meeting, a movement for a new gymnasium for the University. The spirit of Chicago,—its courage to attempt large things in the confident determination that they will be done,—and the Wooster spirit of service were both exemplified in the launching of this movement. Architect Nimmons distributed cuts, similar to the one presented in this issue of *The Voice*, illustrating the proposed gymnasium. It is to conform in style of architecture to the collegiate Gothic now established on the campus, is to be built of the same kind of white brick and terra cotta as the other new buildings, and is to cost \$50,000. It is to have a first floor, a basement, and a second story. It is to be up-to-date in every respect and is to be provided, among other essentials and conveniences, with a bathing tank and a club-room for the men of the University.

Mr. Nimmons explained that it is, of course, not contemplated that the Chicago alumni shall themselves build this gymnasium, but that the enterprise shall be undertaken by the entire body of alumni and students with the aid of as many friends as they can enlist. In order that the movement may become thus general among alumni and students, a committee of three was nominated by W. H. McSurely and elected by the Chicago

Association to formulate plans of procedure and bring them before the alumni. This general committee of ways and means consists of Geo. C. Nimmons, '87, C. M. Moderwell, '39, and Edward R. Hills, '97. This committee will doubtless soon be heard from, as it is hoped that the movement can be so far carried forward by commencement time, June 14th, that its success will then be assured. Mr. Nimmons will donate his architect's fee of five per cent, which means \$2,500 to start with. This is a generous offer.

A new gymnasium is our next pressing need in the line of buildings. The enlargement of the library and the erection of a new dormitory for women are necessities that will be met this summer. Give Wooster a gymnasium, and her buildings will meet her needs for the immediate future.

The main business of the meeting having been fully presented early in the evening, it was promptly dispatched at the close by the appointment of the committee already named. On the program of toasts, Mrs. Abbie Lyon Sharman, '94, now completing her fourth year as a graduate student in the University of Chicago, spoke instructively and entertainingly on "The Small College and the Great University," and Dean Compton spoke on "The Making of Wooster Men." J. D. Fackler brought greetings from the Cleveland Association and reported its enterprise in undertaking to raise the salary



THE PROPOSED NEW GYMNASIUM

of the football coach for next year. Extempore addresses were made by Rev. W. V. Jeffries, Rev. J. D. McCaughtry, C. Moderwell, and President R. C. Hughes. The occasion will remain bright in memory both for its business and for its pleasure in the strengthening of the old ties that bind for life.

ELIAS COMPTON.

Hard at Work

Baseball Squad of Thirty Men Report Daily for Practice

For several week past candidates for the 'Varsity team were "working out" in the gymnasium and at the Armory down town. Here the pitchers and catchers had an opportunity to work up steam awaiting suitable weather for out door work. Bunting practices were also held indoors and the various points as position at bat, base running, etc., were carefully gone over by Coach St. John.

With this preliminary work we are not surprised at the splendid showing the men made all last week. With the weather moderating, University Athletic Field is already in fair shape. A little work at the diamond from time to time as the ground dries, will make it one of the best fields in the state.

As yet no definite team can be picked. Next week we shall make in our judgment, such classification. So far St. John has been shifting the men, and watching their development with a view of placing the best man in the place he can best handle.

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The places visited by the Choristers were Marion, Columbus, Bellaire, Steubenville, Wells-ville, East Liverpool, Parnassus, Pa, Pittsburg, and Orrville. The largest audience was in East Liverpool where nearly 800 people comfortably filled Dr. Mc-Millen's beautiful church. The program used on the tour was as follows:

1. (a) For Love of Wooster U
(b) Estudiantina - - - Lacome
2. Legende, - - - Bohm
Miss Alice Raymond Fitch
3. (a) The Night, - - - Nevin
(b) Spring Song, - - - Pinsuti
4. Allegretto Grazioso, - - Tours
Prof. J. Lawrence Erb
5. Gallant Troubadour, - - Watson
6. Mighty Lak a Rose, - - Nevin
Ladies' Chorus
7. Landsighting, - - - Grieg
8. Prelude, - - - Rach Maninoss
Miss Ethel K. Foltz
9. Gipsy Life, - - - Schumann
10. Rondo (Ninth Concerto), DeBeriot
Miss Fitch
11. The Owl and the Pussy Cat, Erb
Male Chorus
12. Jack and Jill, - - - Cramer
13. Grand Chorus, - - - Guilmant
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14. (a) Magic of Spring, von Wienerl
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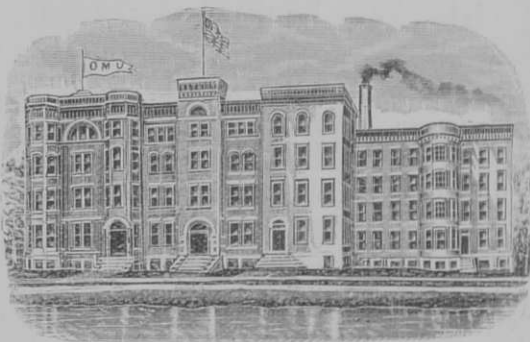
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The Origin and Growth of the Young Men's Christian Association

A. H. PRATT, '07

"Teddy are you willing to make a sacrifice?"
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This was the question and answer spoken by two young clerks 61 years ago in London. Out of the minds and hearts of these two young men, has sprung an organization which now touches almost every country on the globe.

Sir George Williams, the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, was at that time a clerk in a dry goods establishment. Associated with him, were about 80 fellow-clerks. It was to his friend Edward Beaumont, that he suggested the organization of a Christian society among his companions. And on June 6, 1844, 12 young men met and organized the first Young Men's Christian Association, a movement which was destined to reach out to the ends of the earth.

A few contrasts will show that

this movement has sent its influence throughout the whole world. "Instead of 12 members the Association now has 700,000. instead of limiting its efforts to London, the Young Men's Christian Association is now represented by workers and villages of 39 countries throughout the world. The first Young Men's Christian Association spent 60 cents a week rent for a meeting room. At the present time the organization owns in various parts of the world about 900 buildings, worth \$37,000,000.

At the present time this organization is taking into its fold not London clerks alone, but members of every class and profession. Its student members would populate a city of 45,000. Its railroad men would form an army of 72,000 strong. Its 200,000 mechanics, soldiers and sailors, marching 6 abreast would form a procession, 26 miles long. Its membership is as great as the combined cities of Buffalo and San Francisco."

"And yet in the belief of its leaders, the Young Men's Christian Association has only begun its work. At the fiftieth anni-

versary jubilee of the organization in 1894, when its founder was knighted by Queen Victoria in recognition of his great service to humanity, one speaker made this prophecy: "In another fifty years this organization will be able to house and care for the three chief cities of the world."

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In the debate here between W. U. P. and Wooster the affirmative will be upheld by Clinton Laughlin, '06, A. O. Caldwell, '07, and R. D. Wingert, '07. The debate will be held in the Baptist church and will begin promptly at eight o'clock. This

team is thoroughly prepared for battle, and, backed up by hundreds of loyal Wooster rooters, will doubtless add another victory to Wooster's glorious record.

The negative team, composed of Leroy Allen, '06, E. P. Carson, '07, and C. E. Chidester, '08, leave for Morgantown Wednesday morning, going by way of Pittsburg.

Great interest is manifested in the outcome of these debates. West Virginia University and W. U. P. have both been long noted for their forensic powers, while Wooster's double victory last year over W. and J. and Otterbein have given her a reputation to maintain also

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S. B. VANDERSALL, '07

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This fact must have been impressed on every Junior, that a man gets out of the Y. M. C. A. exactly in proportion to what he puts into it. There are many men in the Junior class who say that the Y. M. C. A. has brought more into their lives than any other organization. But there are also a few men in the class who have gone well into their lives. While we were underclassmen we could see defects and lay the blame to others; now whatever defects are seen reflect the responsibility on us. No man in the Junior class, with the experience of three years behind him, can say that the Y. M. C. A. is not meant for him.

History of the Y. M. C. A. in Wooster

CARL T. COMPTON, '08

Although the Y. M. C. A. organization has existed in Wooster for but little more than twenty years, the Y. M. C. A. spirit has always played a prominent

part in the student life of the institution. On the second Saturday night after the opening of the University, in 1870, a small band of students, wishing to promote the Christian life of the school, arranged to hold student prayermeetings every Saturday evening. These meetings continued for about two months. During this time, the interest had grown, and it was thought best to put the meetings on an organized basis. As a result, the Brainard Missionary Society, called so in honor of David Brainard, the missionary to the Indians, was formed. Although in name, a missionary society, it was in reality, a prayermeeting. The membership of the society was only twenty or thirty. For the students, class prayermeetings were held during the week.

In the year 1880, Luther D. Wishard, at that time national college secretary of the Y. M. C. A. came to Wooster and presented to the students the opportunities and advantages of the Y. M. C. A. As a result of his work, the Brainard Missionary Society became the Y. M. C. A. At the

same time the Junior and Senior prayermeetings were dropped; and a few years later, on account of the growing interest taken in association work, the Freshman and Sophomore meetings were also discontinued. The association meetings continued to be held in the president's recitation room, No. 1, in the old building, until the fire. Then it met in the chapel basement, until, this year, the association rooms were procured. The time of meeting has also been changed. Meeting first on Saturday, the time was changed to Tuesday, and two years ago, to Wednesday, so as to have all midweek religious meetings on one day which was to be set apart for them.

Since its founding the association has had a steady growth in all lines. Beginning with a membership of thirty some, the enrollment has increased until now it is one hundred and sixty-eight. In the first year there was one convention attended by two delegates; this year there were five conventions attended by thirty men. Since their establishment in the early

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ninties, the Y. M. C. A. bible classes have grown until now there are fourteen classes with an enrollment of one hundred and fifty eight men engaged in systematic bible study. Ever since the founding of the association, deputation work has been carried on in various parts of the city and county. Since the year 1886, the Y. M. C. A. together with the Y. W. C. A., have undertaken to raise half the salary of Henry Forman, our college missionary.

In 1891, an organized effort was made to raise a fund for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building. After a thorough canvass of alumni and friends, subscriptions amounting to \$2500.00 were secured, but as this was not sufficient, the matter was dropped. A recent feature of student activity is the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. handbook; giving concise information to students, old and new. During the present year, the progress was greater than ever. As a result of much careful work and planning by our president, the association meeting and reception rooms were fitted out. New features, such as the life work meetings, were also added. An idea of the increased activity in Y. M. C. A. work may be gained from the treasurer's report for this year, which shows that he handled more than \$800.00, or about four times as much as was ever handled before. "To make the Y. M. C. A. the leading men's organization in school," has been the watchword. "To keep it the leading organization," must be the watchword.

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lin won the game. The Sophs played a good game throughout but the faster team won.

In the first game Misses Watt, Laughlin and Digel were the stars and in the second Miss Watt again caged five baskets and shut out her guard. The foul throwing in second game was very good Miss Laughlin throwing three out of four, Miss White three out of five.

Line up for both games as follows:

Preps.		Freshmen
Watt	L. F.	Shupe
Laughlin	R. F.	Digel
B. Boyce	C.	Dodds
Compton (c)	L. G.	Ruse
Collins	R. G.	Scott
Preps.		Sophs.
Watt	L. E.	Schlaefley
Laughlin	R. F.	Felger
B. Boyce	C.	White
Compton (c)	L. G.	Mitchell

Collins R. G. Smith (c)
Field baskets 1st game Watt 5, Laughlin 2, Digel 2, Scott.
Field baskets 2nd game Watt 5, Boyce 2, Schlaefley 2, Felger 2, Mitchell 2
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